

**MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF SWEETWATER COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND GENERAL MEDICAL STAFF**

February 27, 2018

The Board of Trustees of Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County met in special session with the General Medical Staff on February 27, 2018, at 6:00 PM with Dr. Barbara Sowada, Vice President, presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Sowada called the meeting to order, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, and confirmed that there was a quorum present. The following members were present: Mr. Marty Kelsey, Dr. Barbara Sowada, and Mr. Ed Tardoni. Excused: Mr. Taylor Jones, and Mr. Richard Mathey.

Officially present: Mr. Irene Richardson, CEO; Dr. David Dansie, Medical Staff President; Mr. John Kolb, Sweetwater County Board of County Commissioners.

WELCOME MEDICAL STAFF

Dr. Sowada welcomed the Medical Staff and asked for introductions around the room.

MEDICAL STAFF UPDATE

Dr. Dansie reported the Bylaws Committee met and continue to move closer to completion of their work. Dr. Dansie welcomed Dr. Banu Symington.

HOSPITAL BOARD UPDATE

Dr. Sowada said there was no business to bring before the group. She said Mr. Mathey asked her to please thank the Medical Staff, especially Dr. Poyer, Dr. Theodosios, and Dr. Jamias for their skillful and compassionate care for "me and mine." Dr. Sowada welcomed Dr. Bikram Sharma and Dr. Symington. She said she is glad Dr. Curry is staying. Dr. Sowada said she understands everyone is working hard to prepare for The Joint Commission.

CEO UPDATE


Ms. Richardson thanked the Medical Staff for all they do. She said their hard work is noticed and appreciated. She said The Joint Commission is coming. In a recent phone call, they were very helpful and are going to schedule their visit instead of arriving unannounced. She will keep everyone posted. The Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled March 5. Strategic plan goals will be submitted to the Board for their approval at the April meeting. After approved, we will put together work groups to develop initiatives. Ms. Richardson said we want to get staff and physicians involved in that work. Ms. Richardson said the Klein case was mediated. The details are confidential. We are very glad that is over. She shared some brief financial highlights. We had a Standard and Poor's credit rating review call on February 1. The results were given to us on February 13 that we are at BB+ with a stable outlook. We did have a BBB- with a negative

outlook rating last year. Our rating has gone down each year from 2013. Ms. Richardson said if we had not turned our finances around and shown an upturn, they said we would have had a multi-step downgrade this year.


Dr. Sowada asked Dr. Kristy Nielson, Chief Nursing Officer, to speak to The Joint Commission survey. Dr. Nielson said we have already been accredited so this is a follow-up survey. She highlighted the areas of emphasis and asked for people to contact her with any questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.


Mr. Richard Mathey, President

Attest:


Mr. Marty Kelsey, Secretary